(b) whether Government propose to take steps to provide raw materials to the small plastic processing units in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) Availability and prices of plastic products have been adversely affected by the Gulf Crisis as about 50 per cent of plastics raw material requirements are based on imports. High international prices and limited offerings have affected supplies in the domestic market.

A continuous dialogue is being held with the major user associations and domestic producers of plastic products in order to resolve, to the extent possible, the difficulties arising out of the above situation. The situation is expected to improve once the Gulf Crisis eases, and in the long run, when additional volumes of petrochemicals becomes available with the commissioning of some of the new complexes that have been licenced.

Construction of New Terminal Building at Bhuj-Kutch

612. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposl for the construction of new terminal building at Bhuj-kutch has been cleared by Government;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken for its early construction; and

(c) how much amount has been sanctioned for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Construction of a new terminal complex at Bhujj is held up due to non-release of adequate suitable land for this purpose by the Indian Air Force.

(b) Conceptual drawings for the construction of terminal building and car park area have been finalised pending release of land by the Indian Air Force.

(c) A provision of Rs. 45.00 lakhs is included in the Eighth Plan outlay of the National Airports Authority.

Air Service between Ambedabad and Bhuj-Kutch

613. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government to start air services between Ahmedabad and Bhuj-Kutch; and

(b) if so, at what stage the proposal stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Pricing of Lignite by NLC

614. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent audit report alleging that the Neyveli Lignite Corporation is pricing lignite much higher than its than its actual price; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the action taken on the audit report?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Au-